

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01352-APM**

BUZZFEED INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/09/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/09/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6114415) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/10/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb)

		(Entered: 05/10/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by BUZZFEED INC..(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS (1) Reissued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE (jf) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/22/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/22/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/21/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Clark, Denise) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>10</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before July 8, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Please see the attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/21/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/8/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 06/25/2019)
07/08/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER. By August 8, 2019, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report that updates the court on whether Defendant has agreed to produce records to Plaintiff and, if so, proposes a production schedule. If Defendant takes the position that Plaintiff is not entitled to records or no responsive records exist, the parties shall propose a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/9/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
07/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/8/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/2/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)